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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, QA, OVIP (SENATOR J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT)

SUBJ: SENATOR FULBRIGHT DISCUSSES OIL PRICES WITH QATARI OIL  
MINISTER

1. DURING JUNE 9 CONVERSATION WITH GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE  
AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, SENATOR  
FULBRIGHT MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD OPEC CONSIDERING \$4  
PER BARREL PRICE INCREASE. SENATOR ASKED IF SUCH INCREASE  
MIGHT BE DECIDED AT CURRENT OPEC MINISTERIAL IN LIBREVILLE.  
ABDUL AZIZ, WHO SAID HE NOT RPT NOT ATTENDING MEETING BECAUSE  
OF "OTHER COMMITMENTS" REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT  
ANY PRICE RISE TO BE DECIDED UPON AT CURRENT MEETING AND,  
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IF SO, HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ANYWHERE NEAR MAGNITUDE

OF \$4 PER BARREL. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, IN DISCUSSION OF PRICE THAT SHAH WAS SEEKING "11 PERCENT" PRICE HIKE. ABDUL AZIZ REPEATED THAT PRINCIPAL TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT MINISTERIAL WOULD BE POSSIBLE SHIFT TO SDR AS BASIS FOR OIL PAYMENTS.

2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF OIL PRICES, SENATOR FULBRIGHT COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH OIL HAD PERHAPS BEEN OVER-CHEAP, THE STEEP PRICE RISE OVER A SHORT PERIOD HAD CAUSED INTERNATIONAL DISRUPTIONS AND HAD IMPACTED ON US ECONOMY. ABDUL AZIZ REPLIED THAT GOQ FAVORS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILIZATION.

3. COMMENT: ABDUL AZIZ'S "OTHER COMMITMENTS" APPARENTLY RELATED TO CONTINUING GOQ-COMPANY (QPC) IMPASSE OVER QATARI CRUDE PRICE.  
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